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The 2006 Marine Corps Air Station New River Air Show will be held May 12, 13 and 14 at Station Operations.

For more information, contact Maj. Michael Wood at 449-5007.

Career roadmaps are available for enlisted Marines and their leaders. Roadmaps offer a single source reference for Military Occupational Specialty training, education requirements and recommendations.

The program was initiated in 2004 and is designed to offer Marines a "one-stop-shop" guide that will enable them to capitalize on all available opportunities to enhance professional, educational and personal development.

For more information, go to www.tecom.usmc.mil/g3/roadmap.php or read All Marine Message 044/05.

Sony is voluntarily replacing the PlayStation 2 AC adapters manufactured by Hipro Electronics.

The only adapters included in the program are those manufactured by Hipro Electronics identified with a serial number which begins with the prefix "F3" and was manufactured within a certain date range. The recall does not apply to the PlayStation One or PSP systems.

To determine if a replacement adapter is needed, get the PlayStation 2 model number, bar code number, adapter manufacturer and date of manufacture, and go to www.us.playstation.com/adapter, to verify the information and order free replacement adapters.

All married, separated or divorced servicemembers must submit a request to keep their Basic Allowance for Housing, own right, within 90 days or they lose it.

For divorced or separated servicemembers who have children, only the member without custody must apply for BAH O/R within the allotted 90 days.

Education

Marines leaving active duty as an officer or enlisted with a four year degree who want to learn more about the Marine Corps Reserve and its benefits are encouraged to contact Maj. Greg B. Malone, 2nd Transitional Recruiting Office reserve officer recruiter on Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., at malonegb@lejeune.usmc.mil, or call 451-2788.

Religious Info

The Weekly Men's Bible Study Group meet every Thursday morning at 6 a.m., at the Mainside Protestant Chapel Annex behind the Chapel, off McHugh Boulevard.

For more information, contact Chaplain James Dance at 451-3210, Maj. Jo Rozier at 451-7842, Staff Sgt. Stacey Lafferty at 450-8595 or Jim Sides at 451-5024.

In the Corps

The Lejeune Rod and Gun Club meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6 p.m., at the Club House located on Main Service Road in the Paradise Point area between the tennis courts and Officers Club.

All active duty, retired and Department of Defense personnel interested in outdoor activities are welcome to attend.

Out in town

The Main Branch Library is inviting all Station personnel to a storytelling session Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

This family event is free and open to the public. Space is limited so register in advance online at <http://co.onslow.nc.us/library>, or call 455-7350 ext. 233.

The Jacksonville Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Fall Used Books Sale Oct.

21, from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Oct. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m., guests can fill a bag of books for only \$5.

All proceeds from the sales will go to support the Main Branch of the Onslow County Public Library.

For more information on libraries in the area and library functions, visit the Web site at <http://co.onslow.nc.us/library>.

Job Opportunities

The City of Greenville, N.C., is looking for building inspectors to perform skilled technical inspection of construction work in securing compliance with state and local building, plumbing, mechanical, energy and related codes and ordinances.

Graduation from an accredited high school supplemented by advanced courses in all phases of the construction industry is required, while an associate's degree in the related field is preferred.

Apply by 5 p.m., Oct. 7, at the City of Greenville, Human Resources Department, 201 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., P. O. Box 7207, Greenville, N.C. 27835. Required city employment application form may be obtained by calling 252-329-4492 or visiting the web site at www.greenvillenc.gov.

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Environmental Affairs

Keep North Carolina waterways safe and secure by reporting any and all suspicious activity.

To report suspicious activity, call the National Response Center toll free at 800-424-8802 or 877-24-WATCH.

For immediate danger to life or property, call 911.



Civilian Spotlight

Cortlyn "Mac" McElhone

Manpower assistant clerk

Hometown: Chicago
Family: Husband, Michael, dog, Griswald, and a cat, Liberate.

Occupation: McElhone is a manpower assistant clerk for the Station.

Military background: McElhone was in the Marine Corps for four years and ended active service as a corporal.

Time on Station: She has been here as a civilian since June, but was stationed here with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron for more than three years.

Best part of job: Mac said the best part about her job is all the pleasant customers because it makes her feel happy to know that she's helping people.

Best part of working with the military: She said if it wasn't for the servicemembers that support our country, nobody would have a job in the first place.

Proudest accomplishment: McElhone said her proudest accomplishment was serving four years in the Corps because of all the challenges she faced and life lessons learned.

Best advice received: "Put your heart into everything you do because if you give it everything you've got then you know you did your best."

Person whose lifestyle I'd like to emulate: She said she'd like to emulate her parents' lifestyles because, "they were always positive and always made me feel good by telling me I could accomplish anything I put my mind to. They were there for me through thick and thin."

Personal hero: Her hero is her husband because he's successful and every goal he sets for himself he puts 110 percent into accomplishing.

What I missed most about being in the Marine Corps: Mac said she missed being on the rifle range and coaching Marines.



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HML/A-269 gets new CO

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

Lieutenant Col. Joseph M. Jeffrey is relinquishing command of Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 to Lt. Col. Scott S. Jensen in a change of command ceremony at the squadron hangar today.

Jeffrey, a native of Hueytown, Ala., was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1986 and after completing The Basic School and Flight School, he reported to HML/A-167 as a AH-1W Super Cobra pilot.

Throughout his career, Jeffrey has been stationed aboard New River for about 14 years.

"I've spent the better part of my career here on the New River flight line," Jeffrey said. "It's my home."

Since he took command of HML/A-269, Jeffrey led his squadron on a deployment to the Combined Joint Task Force - Haiti, supported a skid detachment with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and deployed to Iraq for seven months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This has been the most remarkable time in my career," Jeffrey said.

Jeffrey, whose new position is the director of Marine Aviation Training Systems Squadron here, said he is very excited about the new position.

"I hope to have an impact on the future of the (Aviation Training Systems) concept," he said.

Jensen, who said he has been an HML/A-269 "Gunrunner" for about four years, said he has enjoyed his time with the squadron and is looking forward to commanding them.

"They're a proud group of professionals that really support the squadrons of (Marine Aircraft Group) 29," he said.

Jeffrey, who will continue serving in the New River community closed with a message to his troops.

"For my Marines - you have performed magnificently. You maintained focus, accomplished our mission and took care of each other every day. For that, I am eternally grateful. The opportunity to be your commander and fly and fight with you has been the ultimate privilege. You truly are the 'First and the Finest.'"

Vice President visits local Marines



Sgt. James R. Richardson

Vice President of the United States, Richard B. Cheney, addresses Marines Oct. 3 to welcome them home from the war in Iraq. Cheney responded to a request from a Marine to appear in front of II Marine Expeditionary Force Marines.

II MEF Public Affairs
contributor

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- The Vice President of the United States, Richard B. Cheney, visited more than 4,500 Marines here Oct. 3, welcoming them home from recent deployment. Cheney's visit was less about his own appearance at the base and more about boosting morale and extending gratitude from the nation to Marines, some who arrived home as recent as last weekend from Iraq and other operations, including hurricane relief efforts on our own Gulf Coast.

"All of you are part of a team that continues to make history," Cheney said.

He also offered his gratitude on behalf of the nation to those who fought for freedom and especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, stating we "will honor their memory forever."

II MEF commanding officer, Lt. Gen. James F. Amos, welcomed Cheney and invited him to join in an award ceremony

for II MEF Marines following the vice president's address.

Cheney pinned the Purple Heart on Cpl Shawn M. Johnson, a 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion Marine out of Oconee, S.C., Pfc. John C. Brian, Rapides, La., and Lance Cpl. Scott R. Calkins, of Genesee, N.Y., both out of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, and Daniel W. Foot, of Du Page, Ill., and Lance Cpl. James H. Matthias, of Scioto, Ohio, both members of 3/25.

Also a part of his visit, Cheney greeted Marines and sailors from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 at Marine Corps Air Station New River. The unit recently home from hurricane rescue and relief efforts on the U.S. gulf coast. HMH-461 and other units who were recognized, including 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and elements of 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, made up the more than 2,500 active-duty Marines and sailors who deployed in September to assist the storm-ravaged southern states. The units performed thousands of rescues, distributed much-needed supplies such as water, food and blankets, as well as other types of relief.

26th MEU brings back 'Golden Eagles'



Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo

Gunnery Sgt. Joseph R. Brommer receives the coveted "first kiss" during the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 (Reinforced) homecoming ceremony Sept. 24. The squadron deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) approximately six months ago.

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

Like the distinct sound of galloping horse hooves, 21 helicopters flew overhead as approximately 460 Marines and Sailors from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 (Reinforced) returned to New River from duties as the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's (Special Operations Capable) aviation combat element Sept. 24.

The MEU deployed six months ago and performed operations in ten countries including Djibouti, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan and Israel as it fulfilled the strategic reserve mission in the Central Command area of responsibility for most of its deployment.

During the deployment, the

"Golden Eagles" mission was to provide offensive air support, anti-air warfare, assault support, aerial reconnaissance, electronic warfare and maintain control of aircraft.

"Golden Eagle" Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Kurt E. Diehl said in addition to fulfilling their operation requirements and successfully completing all missions tasked, the squadron returned home with every Marine and Sailor accounted for.

"The Marines' performance was noteworthy; it was a very challenging environment. We accomplished every mission we flew and every Marine and Sailor was able to return home," he said.

Aside from the thunderous fly-over and overwhelming family support, the return ceremony was unique because squadron wives thought of an innovative way to raise money for the upcoming

Marine Corps Ball.

With their husbands deployed, the wives bid for the first kiss upon their return; only the commanding officer knew which Marine won.

In front of all the family, friends and Marines present, Gunnery Sgt. Joseph R. Brommer was called out front and center to receive the coveted prize.

With the successes of deployment behind them and some deserved leave time ahead of them, Marines from HMM-162 (Rein.) were excited to return home, but remained focused on the real reward - a return to normalcy.

"It feels good to be back; it was a nice welcome with all the families here," said Cpl. Robert Guy, HMM-162 (Rein.) airframes mechanic. "My plan now is to get a bite to eat and start to settle back in."

New River housing under new contract

Pfc. Sam White
correspondent

Husbands no longer have to dodge their wives when the grass is long after the Oct. 1 Public Private Venture lease signing.

New River and the Camp Lejeune housing area residents signed the leases in accordance with the new military family housing privatization project - one of the benefits of the signing: landscaping is included in the contract.

Actus Lend Lease was chosen by the Department of the Navy to be its PPV partner, and as the new partner, they are in charge of construction, renovation and operating housing on New River and Camp Lejeune areas.

“The lease’s initial length is six months and continues until the owner terminates it,” said Brian Becchio, director of property management.

According to the Atlantic Marine Corps Communities Web site, many changes will take effect. The biggest changes to expect are a dedicated maintenance staff located in the community, a community center and several new homes.

“They will respond to emergencies within 30 minutes, urgent problems within four hours and routine problems within 24 hours,” said Becchio.

Other areas affected by the PPV include Berkeley Manor, Courthouse Bay, Hospital Point, portions of Paradise Point, Tarawa Terrace I, Tarawa Terrace II and Watkins Village.

“One great thing is the new housing authority will be responsible for lawn maintenance, which gives a break to the folks that live in base housing,” said Staff Sgt. William H. Wallace, fuels division operations chief.

Questions or concerns relating to PPV can be handled by visiting the AMCC offices or calling their toll free number, (866) 509-2424.

Chow Hall ‘takes the cake’ during inspection



Pfc. John D. Cranford

Colonel Stephen L. Forand presents the East Coast Regional Mess Hall of the Year Award to Master Sgt. Kevin M. Meyer, Station Dinning Facility senior Marine liaison, and John Negron, facility manager, Sept. 28. The facility will be competing with the best chow halls from the other Marine Corps regions for the title of best in the Corps.

AutoWatch is eyeing
all GOV drivers

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

The frustrated astronaut attempts to regain access to his ship before running out of oxygen by asking his computer to “open the pod bay doors,” as he had so many times before. This time however, as if in a dream, the voice of HAL 9000 pierces into his brain, “I’m sorry Dave, I’m afraid I can’t do that.”

While modern technology may not be as advanced as the HAL 9000, the AutoWatch system is the Marine Corps’ first step in that direction.

The AutoWatch devices, made by the Ease Diagnostics company, were installed in all government vehicles owned by Base Motor Transport, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., in March.

The devices were installed to help monitor how the vehicles are being driven, minimize neglect and abuse, and aid in providing information for traffic accidents, said Harvey V. Ingram, Station Motor Transport vehicle coordinator.

According to the Ease Diagnostics Web site, the AutoWatch has an onboard computer that hooks into various systems throughout the vehicle. With the aid of a laptop and appropriate programming, the onboard system can be adjusted and evaluated to monitor certain systems.

The way it works is there are two indicator lights on each device – one green and one red. When the driver trips the speed, revolutions per minute or throttle monitor, the green light turns off and the red one turns on, Ingram explained.

“At that point, they need to bring the vehicle in to have the device reset,” Ingram said. “Then it’s up to their command whether or not to punish the individual for the violation.”

The devices are located only in non-tactical government vehicles, said Ingram. Tactical vehicles are slated to receive them as well.

The use of the AutoWatch device is a step forward in vehicular safety, said Staff Sgt. Jason Algarin, Station logistics chief.

With the advancement of technology, Ingram said he knows things must change and he believes the AutoWatch system is the way of the future.

While HAL 9000 may not lock you out of your vehicle, violating Station vehicle regulations could keep you from driving it in the first place.

Station cracks down on vehicle regulations

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

Whether mudding in a monster truck or cruising the Station’s mean streets in a lowrider hooptie, the Military Police District, New River is cracking down on vehicle regulations.

Air Station Order P5100.12G states that the manufacturer’s specified height of any passenger motor vehicle shall not be elevated or lowered, either in front or back, more than six inches by modification, alteration or change of the physical structure of said vehicle.

According to Gunnery Sgt. David A. Rodgers, MPD staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge, “once the overall height is changed that much, it becomes a safety issue.”

Once a vehicle is raised more than six inches, it starts to affect the designed rollover, braking and other safety characteristics.

If a vehicle is lowered too much, it becomes a hazard to itself and other vehicles on the road, said Capt. James K. Sellers, MPD offi-

cer-in-charge. Sellers said these orders have been in place for some time, but because of the wording, they were difficult to enforce.

“So we asked (Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer) for clarification,” Rodgers explained.

The ASO now states that variances more than six inches are prohibited and suspensions must be high enough to avoid damaging road surfaces.

According to Sellers, Marines can check their own vehicle specifications online at www.internetautoguide.com. Though the site only gives data for 1995 vehicles and newer, all the manufactures state that pre-1995 vehicles were built lower than the newer vehicles.

“You know, we’re not trying to (hurt) Marines. This is the CO’s order and we’re going to follow it,” added Sellers.

According to Rodgers, all Marines have the right to dispute a ticket. If they can prove that their vehicle is within the

limit, the ticket will be revoked. “One way this can be done is by calling the manufacturer and getting historical records of the

(Vehicle Identification Number) that shows the exact engineered specifications of that specific vehicle,” he explained.



Awards and Promotions

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron

Promotions
Sgt. P. J. Montalvo III
Cpl. N. G. Dunagan
Cpl. G. G. Gardner
Cpl. B. M. Rome
Lance Cpl. J. G. Drake
Lance Cpl. D. K. Lane
Lance Cpl. J. A. Martinez Jr.
Lance Cpl. S. P. Nelson
Lance Cpl. S. E. Saunders
Lance Cpl. J. A. Tabb

Navy and Marine Corps
Commendation Medal with
a Combat “V”
Staff Sgt. M. A. Knowlton

Center for Naval Aviation
Technical Training

Promotions
Sgt. J. D. Clemente
Sgt. T. N. Roberts
Lance Cpl. S. C. Billet
Lance Cpl. B. A. Chamberlin
Lance Cpl. T. M. Cheiffeta
Lance Cpl. R. L. Grasser
Lance Cpl. M. A. Green
Lance Cpl. G. S. Gregory
Lance Cpl. R. F. Gruber III
Lance Cpl. J. A. Iuro
Lance Cpl. M. E. Latham
Lance Cpl. K. D. Malone
Lance Cpl. J. H. Marks
Lance Cpl. T. K. Meloche
Lance Cpl. D. R. Refsland
Lance Cpl. G. T. Schafer Jr.
Lance Cpl. T. G. Stendahl
Lance Cpl. J. A. Talley
Lance Cpl. J. W. Tudor
Lance Cpl. T. J. Watten
Pfc. T. J. Carroll

Marine Medium
Tiltrotor Training
Squadron-204

Promotions
Sgt. D. R. Sutherland
Cpl. D. A. Hernandez
Lance Cpl. R. G. Ayers Jr.
Lance Cpl. A. Biggs II
Lance Cpl. J. L. Huerta
Lance Cpl. B. S. Priester
Lance Cpl. J. J. Reinhardt

Marine Helicopter
Training Squadron-302

Promotions
Sgt. N. A. Riullano
Sgt. G. H. Ishikawa
Sgt. E. S. Moeller
Lance Cpl. J. D. Ackerman
Lance Cpl. J. L. Russell
Pfc. M. C. Roberts

Marines battle celebrities in Lejeune Paradise

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

Marines from Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and the Station golfed with and caddied for various celebrities during the Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational held at Camp Lejeune's Paradise Point Golf Course from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

The celebrities participating in the event were a part of the Celebrities Player Tour. The Tour is comprised mostly of former professional athletes and entertainers.

"I participated here last year," said *Real TV* host John Daly. "This is such a great event because it is an eye opener. The guys I've met here are the ones who unselfishly put their lives on the line; these guys are the true heroes."

Aside from playing golf, the Marines were also able to caddy for the stars.

In addition to touring Camp Lejeune and the Station, the celebrities also got to fire weapons at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, as well as take the stick in the Station's flight simulators.

"Being here has been a real treat," said retired NFL tight end Jim Thorton. "Everybody has been great and I have enjoyed it very much. Every year I'm invited I'll come back."



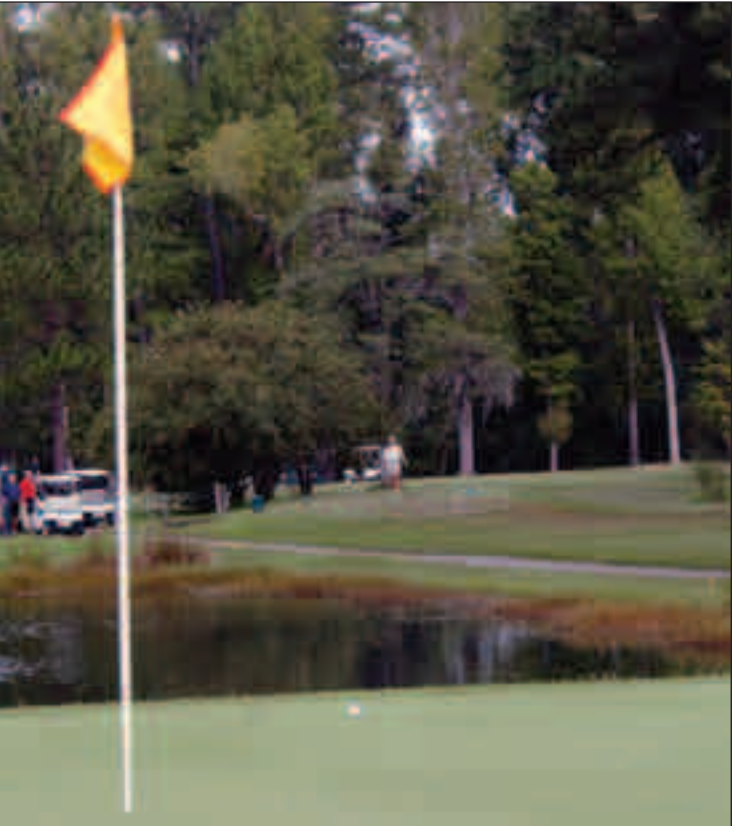
Lance Cpl. Ezekiel R. Kitandwe

A Marine from the Wounded Warrior Project tee off during the Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Sept. 28. Aside from golfing, the celebrities toured both the Station and Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and were invited to attend a dinner ceremony held in the Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 hangar.



Lance Cpl. Ezekiel R. Kitandwe

Real TV host John Daly putts for a birdie during the Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Sept. 28. Daly said of the approximately 20 golf tours he competes in each year, the MCCI is among his favorites.



Lance Cpl. Ezekiel R. Kitandwe

Marines and various celebrities golfed at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Paradise Point Golf Course during the Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Sept. 28. During the event, many Marines had the opportunity to golf with or caddy for the celebrities.

H&HS Sgt. Maj. teaches life lessons via monthly PME

Pfc. Sam White
correspondent

Once a month, Marines and Sailors from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron have the opportunity to attend a professional military education session led by senior enlisted members.

“What the PMEs are about fluctuates each time,” said Sgt. Maj. Grant VanOostrom, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron sergeant major. “Anything that is going to help them out in their own personal life or their professional life we will try to do it, not only for the betterment of the Corps, but for the individuals.”

The sergeant major gets his ideas for PMEs from a variety of places, but usually tries to do something timely.

“I usually look at the blotter for seasonal things - for instance as we get closer to Christmas and New Years, I might bring in someone from the Family Service Center and have them talk to young Marines about suicide and being lonely,” said VanOostrom. “Because inevitably there is going to be a Marine who is going to have to stand the watch over the holidays and it could be his first time doing it, so we want to let him know that some of the thoughts of being lonely are normal.”

“One of the best PMEs ever given was to lance corporals and below,” VanOostrom added. “A young Marine got a DUI and he approached me about putting together a class to give to his fellow Marines about how overwhelming the situation was and he wanted to let people know about the cost and his ‘I didn’t think I’d ever get caught’ mentality.”

And so far, the PMEs seem to be getting a positive response within the squadron.

The PMEs give servicemembers a chance to sit down with the sergeant major and talk to him one-on-one. People can say things freely about how they feel, ask questions, and if the sergeant major can’t answer it, he’ll find you an answer, said Cpl. Lindsay J. Eccles, H&HS military justice clerk.

“The junior enlisted PMEs are good because they give us lower ranking Marines a chance to say what’s on our mind,” said Pfc. Deandrea K. Lane, Station commanding officer’s driver. “It’s also a chance for us to hear about things from the higher ranks and have them explained by the ser-

geant major.” The PMEs are conducted for all ranks, ranging from staff non-commissioned officers, NCOs and non-rates.

The PME for the junior enlisted takes place on the second Wednesday of the month, for the NCOs the third Wednesday of the month and the staff noncommissioned officers’ takes place on the last Friday of the month.

According to VanOostrom, he’s hoping each Marine takes away a lit-

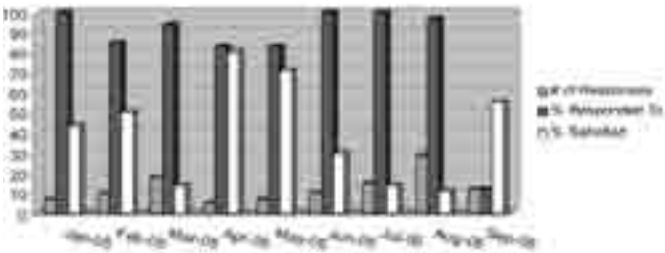
tle something from every session. “I hope they walk out having learned something they didn’t know before they walked in. I hope that the Marines realize how important I feel about our enlisted Corps, because somewhere amongst that group is the next sergeant major,” said VanOostrom. “I want them to know that knowledge is power and as their sergeant major, I want them to be successful and I want to convey that with the monthly PMEs.”



Pfc. Sam White

Gunnery Sgt. Stanley L. Powell, Marine and Family Services Center staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, speaks to junior Marines during one of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron’s monthly professional military education sessions. The monthly PMEs were the idea of Sgt. Maj Grant VanOostrom, H&HS sergeant major.

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Book Review: 'Citizen Soldier' by Stephen Ambrose

Pfc. John D. Cranford
correspondent

Servicemembers who dedicated their lives to the continuance of freedom during World War II fought gallantly to topple one of the fiercest dictators in the world's history. Their story is told in Stephen E. Ambrose's "Citizen Soldier: The U.S. Army from the Normandy beaches to the Bulge to the surrender of Germany," a detailed account of the events leading up to the surrender of Germany.

In his book, a sequel to "D-Day," Ambrose focuses on the men who did the fighting, the bridge crossing, the liberating and the winning of the war. He makes great use of the many interviews he conducted, which personifies history.

From the start, Ambrose uses first-hand

accounts from the men who were there in the trenches. While still keeping an overall view of what's happening in the war, Ambrose brings to life personal stories, creating a more vivid reality to the reader.

Such is the case of Army Lt. Waverly Wray, Company D, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment executive officer, who jumped into Normandy the evening of D-Day and contributed to stopping the German counter offensive.

In addition to personal anecdotes, Ambrose also covers the beginnings of racial integration in the Armed Forces. He tells the story of how some commanders were worried about how the African-American units would perform, but were soon giving praise to the units saying that they were almost too aggressive.

In one example, three black Soldiers

used a captured panzerfaust, a German anti-tank weapon, to knock out a Tiger tank. The Soldiers were rewarded with a week in Paris. After that many black Soldiers were seen stalking the enemy's tanks with panzerfaust in hand.

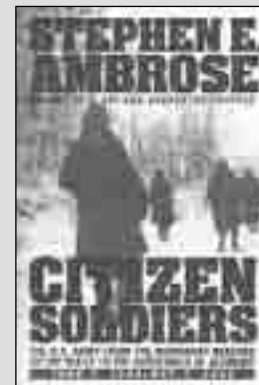
Ambrose, who was born in Lovington, Ill., was the son of the town doctor. After World War II began, Ambrose's father joined the Navy and served as a doctor throughout the war.

According to his official biography at www.achievement.org, Ambrose said being the son of a veteran is the inspiration behind his patriotism. He has a doctorate in world history and worked as a teacher for 30 years. He attributes his ability to accurately write about World War II to these two factors – his heritage and education.

In all, this is a very good book and it

easily maintains reader's interest because it doesn't linger on the politics of war very long without going to a first-hand account of battle.

'Citizen Soldier' by Stephen Ambrose is a book dedicated to telling the story of the troops who fought the battles of World War II. The book is comprised of the many anecdotes Ambrose heard when conducting interviews with veterans.



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Hunting season begins at New River

Pfc. Sam White
correspondent

As the short, pudgy, dimwitted hunter makes his way through the cartoon forest, he’s careful with every step he takes. Being conscience not to alarm the “wascawwy wabbit” of his presence, he tiptoes around every twig and leaf while repeatedly reminding viewers to “be very, very quiet; I’m hunting wabbits!”

With his double-barreled shotgun constantly at the ready, he is sure this is the year he’ll finally get even with that screwy rabbit. Another hunting season is underway in the crazy world of a Looney Tune.

Though real life hunters don’t usually dress, act, look or talk like Elmer Fudd, some share the same perspective that he has; that hunting is one of the greatest pastimes and nothing is better than going after that desired game.

New River hunters will have the opportunity to live the ‘Fudd’ dream this year, as the 2005-2006 hunting season kicked off Sept. 10. The new season brings new regulations and offers advantages people need to be aware of before heading out through the Station’s woodlands.

“The area has lots to offer,” said David W. Rogers, the conservation law enforcement officer here. “We have a lot of trophy buck, 14 wildlife food plots managed for wildlife on base that are planted both in the spring and fall, and a closely knit hunting community.”

munity.”

“Last year was my first year hunting aboard the Air Station,” added Capt. Charles R. Baughn, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29 ordinance officer. “I was surprised at the quality and quantity of deer I saw compared to other installations I previously had hunted. I could have easily filled all my North Carolina deer tags.”

With the new hunting season underway, Marines here can gain a lot by hunting in their own backyard, said Rogers.

There are several advantages the Station has that other areas don’t offer.

“We provide a walk-in cooler for hunters to keep their legally harvested gain for up to three days,” said Rogers. “We also provide a deer cleaning facility - a lighted utility shed with two hoists that can hold two deer at a time and has running water, where they can process their own game.”

“The hunting areas are laid out

acquired on New River each year, though.

“Hunters are authorized to harvest six deer per year,” said Rogers. “They can have up to six antlerless deer, but no more than three bucks (antlered deer).”

To take advantage of these great opportunities, hunters must first make sure they have all the proper hunting licenses. An old hunting license or evidence of a hunter’s safety course in North Carolina will be accepted in order to purchase a 2006 hunting and fishing permit.

The permits can be bought at building PT 3 near Parachute Tower Road aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejuene, N.C.

“The new permits cost \$15 a year and are good for hunting on both New River and Camp Lejuene designated hunting areas,” said Rogers.

After purchasing a permit, hunting on Station is as easy as checking in at building CG1 on Robert Wilson Boulevard to gain area clearance.

Hunters then have to check out at the same building and record their harvest.

Before heading out, though, hunters must make sure they are wearing the proper attire.

While deer hunting with a firearm or while archery hunting in the gun areas, hunters must wear an international orange cap and vest.

However, dove hunters, duck hunters, goose hunters and those hunting in archery areas are not required to wear the cap and vest, said Rogers.

While hunting, certain weapons are prohibited for use on base.

All high-powered rifles and pistols are prohibited. Shotguns with slug ammunition are authorized only for deer hunting and buckshot is prohibited for all individual deer hunting on base. Mussel-loaders are authorized, but they must be at least .45 caliber.

“It has been a common misconception that you can’t use firearms here on New River, but we have areas,” said Rogers. “In

the past you couldn’t use them here, but the regulations changed.”

Though everyone’s preferred use of weapon may not be used, the hunting experiences gained on the station make up for the downsides, said Rogers.

Hunters have a great opportunity here and once a person sees what the base has to offer they’ll have trouble going anywhere else, he added.

“While I am by no means one of the long time experienced hunters aboard the Air Station, I have had great experiences every time I hunt,” added Gunnery Sgt. Patrick B. Devers, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-464 staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge and currently deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

“I was in a tree stand behind Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 where I got my first deer - a big nine point and the largest animal I have taken to date. So even though I try out other areas, most of my time is concentrated right here on the Air Station,” he said.

Editor’s note: Trapping season begins Dec. 15 and ends Feb. 28. For more information about this season or to learn more about different wildlife on Station and their appropriate seasons, contact David Rogers at 449-0108.



Pfc. Samuel D. White



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(Above) Air Force Staff Sgt. David E. Stephens, Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 special projects division coordinator, keeps his bow “at the ready” while waiting for a deer to pass, Sept. 23 at the Station hunting grounds. Stephens recently has taken his wife out through the Stations woodlands and says she enjoys the hunting areas. (Top left) The tip of Stephens’ arrow prepares for flight through the Stations woodlands during one of his afternoon hunts. According to David Rogers, the Station conservation law enforcement officer, New River has lots to offer hunters with a walk-in cooler to keep their harvest for up to three days and a deer cleaning facility - a lighted utility shed with two hoists that can hold two deer at a time and has running water, where hunters can process their own game and several food plots that are managed by Rogers constantly and keep wildlife population at a maximum. (Left) Stephens sights in on a possible target during an archery hunt at the Station hunting grounds Sept. 23. With the new hunting season underway, individuals wanting to hunt aboard the installation must first make sure they have all the proper hunting licenses.

Pfc. Samuel D. White

New River Hunting Schedule 2005-2006

Deer:

Bow: Sept. 10 to Jan. 2.
Muzzleloader: Oct. 8 to Jan. 2.
Gun: Oct. 15 to Jan. 2.



Bear:

Nov. 14 to Jan. 2.



Dove:

Sept. 3 to Oct. 8.
Nov. 21 to 26.



Squirrel (grey and red):

Oct. 17 to Jan. 31.



Fox:

Oct. 17 to Dec. 31.
Jan. 7 to Jan. 28.



Quail:

Nov. 19 to Feb 28.



Raccoon and opossum:

Oct. 17 to Feb. 28.



Rabbits:

Nov. 19 to Feb. 28.



Swan:

Nov. 5 to Jan. 31.



Turkey:

Apr. 8 to May 6.



Duck:

Oct. 5 to 8.
Nov. 12 to Dec. 3.
Dec. 17 to Jan. 28.



Bobcat:

Oct. 17 to Feb. 28.



CMC, SMMC visit Marines on the front

Cpl. James D. Hamel
2d Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq -- General Michael Hagee, 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, 15th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, visited Al Asad, Iraq, Sept. 25.

The visit took the two to various Marine Corps installations throughout the Al Anbar province, as they checked on their Marines fighting the Global War on Terror.

After arriving in Al Asad, they ate an early morning breakfast with Marines handpicked for excellence from the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).

At the end of the breakfast, Estrada announced and recognized the 2nd MAW (Fwd.) Marine of the Quarter, Lance Cpl. Andrew Pendracki, from 2nd MAW (Fwd.) combat camera, and Cpl. Deborah L. Myatt, the 2nd MAW (Fwd.) Noncommissioned officer of the Quarter, from the administration office of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-764.

In addition to the privilege of eating with the two, the breakfast afforded many of the warriors a chance to learn from and speak to the Corps' two most senior Marines.

After leaving the dining facility, Hagee and Estrada presided over a town hall meeting for Marines and Sailors in Al Asad.

"Anytime I get to come to (this area of responsibility), it is the highlight of my time as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps," Estrada told the assembled crowd. "This is where you all are doing Marine Corps things; this is why you signed up."

During the meeting, Estrada thanked those who had served multiple tours in Iraq and thanked the leaders of Marines especially.

"I always say this: the Marines of today are better than ever," he said. "(Even war veterans) look at you as setting a new standard."

Hagee also told the Marines that when he meets leaders from other military services they always compliment the quality of individual Marines.

"They tell me one thing, 'we want to be just like you,'" he said. "You all set the professional standard for the warrior class."



Cpl. James D. Hamel

General Michael Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, presents Marines with his coin in recognition of outstanding service, Sept. 25., at Al Asad, Iraq. Hagee traveled to the area with Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada

'Untouchable' engineers lend support to TACC security

Cpl. Micah Snead
2d Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq -- The Tactical Air Command Center security guards here recently received support from two "Untouchable" Marines.

Staff Sgt. Remko Wouters and Lance Cpl. Kyle Paulson, engineer equipment operators with the "Untouchables" of Marine Wing Support Squadron-272, helped TACC security install and fortify new guard shack, Sept. 19 through 24.

The Marines placed structures, moved obstacles and filled Hesco barriers, large canvas bags inside wire frames, with sandbags and dirt. The mission required heavy labor under the harsh Iraqi sun while maintaining security at the guard posts, said Gunnery Sgt. Mitchell Martin, the TACC security chief and Bethesda, Md., native.

"These structures are vital for our mission as TACC security," Martin said. "The Marines performing the work did so in such a manner so we

could continue our mission."

Many junior MWSS Marines do not have hands-on experience with this type of work, but most are quick to learn during a deployment, said Paulson, an Alcester, S.D., native.

"There is a lot more work and a lot more hours during a deployment," Paulson said. "Marines in the squadron with experience will teach us a lot of what they know, and the rest of it comes from getting out and doing it."

The two Marines were all over this task from the first steps and deserve all the credit for a job well done, said Martin.

"Once it was deemed necessary new shacks be installed, Staff Sgt. Wouters contacted me and he was the one who arranged everything," Martin said. "All I had to do was open gates."

For these "Untouchables," being a jack of all trades just comes with the territory.

"I just do what I do," Paulson said. "This is one job down. Once we get them all, we can go home."



Cpl. Micah Snead

Lance Cpl. Kyle Paulson, an engineer equipment operator with the "Untouchables" of Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 and Alcester, S.D., native, tosses sand bags that will be used to fill Hesco barriers at Al Asad, Iraq, Sept. 21. The squadron deployed from the Station Aug. 13.

'Untouchable' truck crews keep fuel rolling

Cpl. Micah Snead
2d Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq -- Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron-272, based at Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C., are keeping Al Asad's fuel supply flowing, or rolling in their case.

The Untouchables of MWSS-272's fueling section trucker crews provide a rolling fuel depot with nonstop service for all Al Asad's aircraft and generators.

"They deliver fuel directly to the jets or generators, from our storage pits straight to the customers," said Gunnery Sgt. William A. Hunter, MWSS-272's assistant fuels chief and Glens Falls, N.Y., native. "We service everything on the flightline, Marine Corps, Army, civilian. We try to give them the best possible product and services."

Many of the Marines were originally trained for motor transport then trained as refueler operators to handle the heavy workload.

"We handle every part of the job, from filling the trucks at the storage pits to filling the aircraft out on the line," said Cpl. Joseph Daum, a driver turned refueler and Los Angeles native.

The Marines have made customer service a priority from top to bottom, said Staff Sgt. Joseph Gamlin, one of two

"Untouchable" truck team leaders.

"Our main goal is to deliver fuel efficiently and in a timely manner," said the Greenfield, Mass., native. "But doing that is really a concentrated between a lot of different commodities. It's not just the drivers out there, we have to keep the trucks up and running with maintenance."

The workload can swing from one extreme to another, but keeping the gear and Marines ready for the mission is a constant, said Gamlin.

"We have days when we can't keep a truck here, the Marines only have time to stop for chow we bring out to the shop. During downtime, we make sure the Marines get plenty of rest, try to keep them as comfortable as possible," Gamlin said.

Servicing a joint flightline like Al Asad can put the Marines in situations they have only faced in training. The Marines prepared for the deployment by working at Weapons and Tactics Instructor course and Exercise Desert Talon, both held at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. This training helped the Marines adjust their mindset from to the challenges they would face during a deployment, said Sgt. Felix A. Lora, a refueler operator and Bronx, N.Y., native.

"Our mission out here is totally different," Lora said. "There is a lot of adminis-

trative work, inventory and maintenance to look after. But, out here we actually get to do our jobs."

Another essential mission controlled by the truck crews is the upkeep of more than 60 generators across the base. Crucial generators are spread across the base, keeping the lights on in the Tactical Air Command Center and the radars running in the Air Traffic Control tower, among others.

"I'm responsible for making sure the generators don't run out of fuel," said Sgt. Mike Miranda, ground fuel team leader and Orlando, Fla., native. "I make daily rounds, constantly keeping tabs on the levels at each site."

The Marines are constantly finding new things to learn and teach, said Hunter.

"I really try to impress on them the idea that learning never stops, especially out here," Hunter said. "That is one area outside of their day-to-day work they have embraced. There is always something new to learn out here, and the Marines are eager for the knowledge. I think I even learn something new every day, spending time with the junior Marines."

Whether rushing fuel to a waiting aircraft or keeping the power flowing into the nerve center of the base, the truck crews are always focused on mission accomplishment, said Gamlin.

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Reports

Breaking and entering

Sometime between Sept. 11 at midnight and Sept. 12 at 6:45 a.m., someone broke into the Laundry Works Tavern in the Piney Green Shopping Center.

Numerous tools were left behind in the business by the suspect(s).

Armed robbery

On Sept. 13, at approximately 2:37 a.m., a young black male, approached a Dynamic cab on foot. The cab was parked in the parking lot of Gemini, located at 303 Henderson Dr.

The black male got into the cab, displayed a black, semi-automatic pistol and demanded money from the cab driver. After receiving the money, the suspect got out of the cab and fled on foot toward Richlands Avenue.

The suspect is 18 to 22 years old, between 5' 8" and 5' 11", and has dread locks. He has a medium build, 160 to 180 lbs., and dressed in a dark blue hooded sweatshirt with dark colored pants and wore a light blue bandana.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 938-3273.

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ROTOVIEW

Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl?



“Denver Broncos because they have a good team this year.”

Cpl. Matthew T. Sebesta, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, Woodland Park, Colo.



“Indianapolis Colts are going to win because Payton Manning is unstoppable and they’re showing promise this year.”

Pfc. Robert R. Henson, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461, maintenance administrative clerk, Austin, Ind.



“Chicago Bears are due for a Super Bowl win this year since their last visit was in 1985.”
Staff Sgt. C. Thomas, Marine Combat Training Battalion, Combat instructor, Farmington, Ill.

New River Football gets to the Point at scrimmage



‘Sharp as knives’



Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo

Assistant coach Thomas Manges watches his team from the sidelines during a scrimmage at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Sept. 22. Although the New River team played well, both Manges and head coach Anthony “Crime Dog” Cremeans both said they would like to see a better fan turnout at the next New River scrimmage, scheduled for Friday at the Station Football Field.



Strategy

“We were sharpening the edge of the knife that is New River Football.”

Coach Anthony Cremeans



Pain



Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo

The New River Football Team defensive line prepares to put the hurt on the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., during the Sept 22. scrimmage. The New River defense set the pace for the night with five interceptions, four forced fumbles and two sacks for losses greater than ten yards.

Next Scrimmage: Friday at the Station Football Field

'Raging Bulls' touch down with the MEU



Lance Cpl. Peter Miller

A UH-1N Huey from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 (Reinforced) land on the flight deck of the USS Nassau as the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit kicks off its Certification Exercise Sept. 25. CERTEX is the MEUs final pre-deployment exercise before it sets sail later this year.

In devastation we have hope

Lt. Doug McCormick
Marine Aircraft Group-29



One of the survivors of Hurricane Katrina told me his story of devastation and hope. How he had gone back to the plot in which his home once stood and rummaged through the debris only to find a Bible. As he opened the Bible, he looked down and saw Psalm 69 - a chapter describing a flood victim.

He said, "Chaplain, God does speak to you in the midst of devastation. These verses have spoke words of comfort to me; I am a man who has lost everything and I wondered where God was in the midst of this tragedy. I found God where he had always been, in his written word and in my heart. Chaplain, this is where my hope lies."

What I have seen through all of the horrible tragedy of both Katrina and Rita ripping their way through the Gulf coast is that God is still there. There have been many lessons learned and lessons that I have learned that will last a lifetime.

First, is that we must heed the warnings. Many people were warned about the destruction that was coming, but waited too long. As wise disciples, we must heed warnings God has given about dangers that can bring storms to our lives.

One of the important reasons to

have a place to go for spiritual retreat (e.g. a church) is to be reminded of the course God wants us each to take.

Second, nature's powers are unfathomable. During a press conference, the weary Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency was explaining why a disaster of this size had never been prepared for or even imagined.

His reason was, "God is bigger than our imaginations."

A true enough statement, but an unintended slam at God.

Realizing what he had said, he quickly changed his statement to, "Nature is bigger than our imaginations."

And, there is the truth. Nature is more powerful than we can ever imagine. Try to envision carving out the Grand Canyon or pushing up the Rocky Mountains. Nature's power is unfathomable. But, even harder to understand is that nature is random.

I believe, it is difficult for us to accept the fact that God does not steer tornadoes or distribute floods. God does not direct lightning strikes or set the velocity of winds. God does not strengthen the grip of one person on a handrail while another slips off under the brutal waves.

Third, the value of life over possessions. In this new millennium we have seen towers falling in New York City and planes crashing into the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania farmland. We saw bombs over Baghdad and witnessed the ancient land of Abraham become a warzone

for his descendants. One would think we had seen enough, but then came the tsunami.

We now see the fruits of Katrina and Rita. We see a city sitting in 20 feet of water. We see citizens hacking their way onto roofs and helicopters hovering over neighborhoods. Optimistic rescuers, opportunistic looters, grateful people and resentful people - we have seen it all.

What is going on here? 9/11, Iraq, tsunami, Katrina and I didn't mention nor intend to minimize Hurricanes Dennis, Ivan and Emily.

As you've listened to evacuees and survivors, have you noticed their words? No one laments a lost plasma television or submerged sport utility vehicle. If they mourn, it is for people lost. If they rejoice, it is for people found. Could God be reminding us that people matter more than possessions?

I have seen an entire riverboat casino washed up three blocks and placed on top of a house in a neighborhood. I have flown over demolished \$70,000 cars that will never be driven again, hidden in debris. Raging hurricanes and broken levees have a way of prying our fingers off the stuff we love. What was once most precious now means little; what we once ignored is now of eternal significance - the gift of life.

I have seen the resolve of the American people to want to clean up and get back to normalcy. I have seen evacuees in churches, many of them sitting on the front rows, dressed in all the clothing they

owned: t-shirts, jeans. But, when the music started and the worship began, they came to their feet and sang with tears in their eyes. They were rich. Questions I ask myself: Am I that rich? If all my possessions were washed away, could I still worship? Would I still worship?

Finally, the best thing is that I have seen the humanity. I have seen individuals from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461, HMH-464, Marine Aircraft Group-29 and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365, going beyond making the extraordinary pliable - reaching out and doing the best they can ever do.

We have lifted 6-month-old babies to safety by a CH-46E Sea Knight and aided grandparents onto a CH-53E Super Stallion and taken them all to safety as they hobbled on with their walkers or in their wheelchairs. I have seen food taken where it needed to be taken and diapers to babies that needed them. I have seen lives saved. I have heard the stories of one six-year-old girl talking about the helicopter man who plucked her off a third story porch and lifted her to safety. That child will never know who that man is. He'll never seek any applause. He saved her life... all in a day's work. We saw humanity at its best.

Editor's note: Chaplain McCormick was deployed with Station Marines to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Safety Snippets: Impaired driving

- When driving, practice safety by looking for impaired drivers. Here are a few tips to help point out an impaired driver; keep them in mind to avoid and help prevent a dangerous situation.
- *Weaving, swerving, drifting or straddling the centerline.
 - *Driving on the wrong side of the road.
 - *Driving at a very slow speed.
 - *Stopping without cause or braking erratically.
 - *Turning abruptly or responding slowly to traffic signals.
 - *Driving with the window down in cold weather.
 - *Driving with headlights off at night.

Memorial Chapel services

Sunday Services
Catholic 9 a.m.
Protestant 11 a.m.

For more information, call the Memorial Chapel at 449-6801.

Marine and Family Service Center

Retired Affairs

Each Wednesday and Friday
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The retired affairs representative can provide retired service-members and their spouses with information regarding benefits, entitlements, privileges and legal assistance.

No appointments are necessary to attend this class, however guests can call for information.

Play Morning

Each Thursday
9:30 to 11 a.m.
Youth Community Center

Play morning is a time for mom and dad to have fun with their children who are age six and under.

For more information, please call New Parent Support Program at 451-5286.

Keystone Meetings for Teens

Each 1st and 3rd Friday
6 to 7 p.m.

A Boys and Girls Club Program that offers children an opportunity to gain leadership skills, participate in and earn community service hours as well as social activities.

Attend, voice suggestions and plan events. On the third Friday of each month, teenagers can select a prevention topic to discuss.

Raising Children in a Non-Violent Home Part I

Oct. 11
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Guests will learn conflict resolution and how the media is affecting children through role playing exercises and practical techniques.

Transition Assistance Program

Oct 12 & 13
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A two-day career options workshop, which helps assess knowledge, skills and abilities and how to apply military acquired skills in the civilian employment sector.

Topics include resume preparation, job search, interview skills, dress standards, job negotiations and much more.

Pre-registration required through the unit transition counselor.

Kids With Deployed Parents Workshop

Oct. 13
3:30 to 5 p.m.

A workshop for kids to get together, talk and make crafts to send to their deployed parent.

Raising Children in a Non-Violent Home Part II

Oct. 18
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A continuing course to the Raising Children in a Non-violent Home Part I.

Pre-Separation Brief

Oct. 19
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This mandated brief covers all required information for the servicemember and spouse separating from the military way of life.

Topics discussed include: pay entitlements, VA benefits, financial management, educational opportunities, transportation of household goods, job service and more.

Preregistration mandatory through the unit transition counselor.

Effects of Divorce and Remarriage on Children

Oct. 25
1:30 to 4 p.m.

A workshop for adults that focuses on the possible impact on children when coping with the painful breakup of their family.

Topics include reactions of children of different ages, things children need to know and hear, tips for the single and the non-custodial parent and what both parents can do to help their children adjust. Adjustment to step-parents is also addressed.

For more information about programs or to pre-register for one of the classes, call 449-6110/6185 or visit the Web site at <http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcas-nr/fsc/fschome.htm>.



Heather Caruso
contributor

Enduring Heroes: Supporting the deployed

"Boy, you came to the right place with that truck," said a man in a Kansas City, Kan., hotel parking lot.

"What do you mean," replied Ed Negrin.

"There are 500 Soldiers inside this hotel, and many of them are getting ready to deploy to Afghanistan," the man responded.

The truck, painted from bumper to bumper in red, white and blue, was an eye-catcher, just as they had intended. They were on a trek across the country – 39 states in 38 days – not for personal gain, but for others to gain a greater sense of pride for their country in a time of uncertainty.

As small delivery businessman, Ed and his wife, Tonie, saw their company pickup trucks as blank canvases after Sept. 11, 2001.

Motivated to do something to boost American's spirit, they used money they had saved for an anniversary getaway overseas to purchase patriotic books, T-shirts, stickers and more. They then set out visiting police departments,

strangers and veteran hospitals across the country.

As they unloaded their luggage at the hotel, Sgt. Maj. Tony Rose, an Army hero at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001 and guest speaker to the 500 Soldiers set to deploy at the hotel, walked up to the Negrins and inquired about their truck.

"We are just trying to bolster people's sense of pride in America and remind them about everything that is great in this country – how great it is to be able to own a home, a business, property and just be free," answered Ed.

Rose immediately asked Ed and Tonie to speak to the Soldiers the next morning.

Ed and Tonie have no ties to the military. They've never been in the service, but are strong supporters of military men and women.

They spoke to the Soldiers for a few minutes and gave them some of their giveaways; their lives were touched.

"As we were leaving there, my wife and I just knew that the whole reason for the trip was to come to this meeting, meet these fine men and women, and let them know that

they are appreciated," said Ed.

Since that day their heart has grown bigger and bigger. They decided to extend their support to servicemembers, so they developed a Web site, www.americatruck.org, where deployed servicemembers can choose gifts to be sent to them overseas for free. In addition, they can enter to have one of four special requests met.

Through their Web site, they have sent 23,000 personalized packages to servicemembers and given away more than 5,000 military Bibles, 30,000 military bears, 5,000 CDs, 10,000 books and 7,000 T-shirts.

"Generally, when the post office sees Tonie coming, they know they need to open another window for her. She wants to see them stamp every single box, so she knows she did every single thing possible to make sure the package gets to the servicemember," said Ed.

They haven't forgotten servicemembers back in the states though. They have covered more than 350,000 miles visiting 81 military bases – many more than once – in a

total of nine decorated America's trucks. The trucks have been a part of deployments, reunions and a handful of military funerals.

Their selfless project eventually became too big for their pocket-book.

"We have funded this ourselves for more than three years and are now to the point that we get so many requests for packages, so many requests for base visits and financial assistance that we can no longer do it ourselves just from the income at our business," said Ed.

They were encouraged from many of their military friends they met along their journey, to become a non-profit organization. After avoiding that step for some time, the enormity of the project presented no other option.

As their first fundraising endeavor, they are giving away one of their prized decorated trucks. Parked in the Jacksonville Mall is a shiny new 2005 Z-71 Chevrolet Tahoe Defend America Truck.

"It costs us about \$20 to send each package overseas, so each \$20 raffle ticket sends one package or helps a loved one visit their ser-

vicemember at the hospital."

They want people to come alongside them in their mission, as they support servicemembers in their mission. He encourages people to consider participating in the raffle or donating on their Web site because even if you have only a small chance to win the truck, you have a 100 percent chance of helping someone in the military.

Additionally, profits from purchases at their Enduring Heroes Web sites go directly towards sending more free care packages to deployed military men and women. Every military bear purchased on the Web site sends two more overseas.

The raffle drawing will be Dec. 2 at Jacksonville Mall and tickets may be purchased in the meantime in the mall at the customer service desk, Foster's and Hour Time Square or outside the mall at Fire Mountain Grill or Furniture Fair's Bell Fork store.

To request care packages, visit www.americatrucks.org and to learn more about Enduring Heroes and find out how to help, visit www.enduringheroes.com.

Marines pass gas chamber training



Pfc. Sam White

Station Marines exit the gas chamber during the last block training stick of fiscal year 2005. Just like the rifle qualification, the gas chamber training is required of all Marines annually.

Station Theater Movies

Oct. 7 - Oct. 19

Wed. Oct. 5	9 a.m.	The Skeleton Key	PG-13
Fri. Oct. 7	7 p.m.	Red Eye	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	The Skeleton Key	PG-13
Sat. Oct. 8	7 p.m.	The Cave	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	The Skeleton Key	PG-13
Sun. Oct. 9	3 p.m.	The Cave	PG-13
	6 p.m.	Red Eye	PG-13
Mon. Oct. 10	2 p.m.	The Cave	PG-13
Wed. Oct. 12	9 a.m.	Red Eye	PG-13
	7 p.m.	Red Eye	PG-13
Fri. Oct. 14	7 p.m.	March of the Penguins	G
	9:30 p.m.	40 Year Old Virgin	R
Sat. Oct. 15	7 p.m.	March of the Penguins	G
	9:30 p.m.	40 Year Old Virgin	R
Sun. Oct. 16	3 p.m.	March of the Penguins	G
	6 p.m.	Brothers Grimm	PG-13
Mon. Oct. 17	7 p.m.	The Man	PG-13
Wed. Oct. 19	9 a.m.	40 Year Old Virgin	R
	7 p.m.	40 Year Old Virgin	R



The theater snack bar opens 30 minutes before the first movie and closes 45 minutes after the last movie begins. Movies and times are subject to change.

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